

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **EXPANDED ONLINE EDITION OF MICHIGAN COURT RULES OFFERS EASIER ACCESS, KEYWORD SEARCH**

LANSING, MI, July 14, 2006 – An upgraded online edition of the Michigan Court Rules is easier to use, thanks to an improved search feature. The announcement was made today by Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor of the Michigan Supreme Court and Chief Judge William C. Whitbeck of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The Michigan Court Rules were already available online, but users could only search for a keyword or phrase within a single document, they explained.

“In the new version, users can now search for a key word or phrase across the entire set of court rules,” said Taylor. “This is a tremendous improvement, one that we hope will benefit not only lawyers and judges, but also the general public.”

Taylor and Whitbeck praised the Court of Appeals Information Services department for the upgrade. “This is really a marvelous effort because it expands, in a very practical way, the public’s access to the rules that govern Michigan state courts,” Whitbeck said. “The new search feature allows users to focus their searches and retrieve information quickly and efficiently.”

The feature, which also includes a more detailed table of contents, offers electronic copies of the court rules as PDF documents. As in the past, visitors to this site are able to copy text from the rules for pasting into a Word document.

As before, the site also provides access to the Michigan Rules of Evidence, Supreme Court administrative orders, local rules for state trial courts, ethics rules for judges and lawyers, rules of the State Bar of Michigan, rules for the Board of Law Examiners, and the Michigan Uniform System of Citation, which governs the citation of legal authority in court decisions. These documents are also included in the improved search engine.

The Court Rules web page is available at <http://www.courtofappeals.mijud.net/rules/>.

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